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SUBJECT: SENEGAL AND THE QUEBEC PROBLEM

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1. SUBSEQUENT TO DRAFTING OF REFTEL ON QUEBEC MINISTER MORIN'S VISIT TO DAKAR DECEMBER 18-20, I HAD CONVERSATION ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE WITH CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ASSELIN WHO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

2. PRIME MINISTER LEVESQUE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE MAKING A VISIT TO SENEGAL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. A QUEBEC DELEGATION GENERALE WILL ALSO BE ESTABLISHED IN DAKAR TO COVER WEST AFRICA WITHIN THE SAME TIMEFRAME.

3. AS A RESULT OF OTTAWA'S FIRM INSTRUCTIONS RE HANDLING OF MORIN VISIT, ALL SENIOR OFFICIALS IN SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT ARE FULLY AWARE OF REQUIREMENT THAT CANADIAN EMBASSY BE FULLY INVOLVED IN ALL ACTIVITIES CONCERNING
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RELATIONS WITH QUEBEC. ASSELIN FEELS CONFIDENT THAT ALL GOS OFFICIALS FROM PRIME MINISTER ON DOWN WILL TRY TO COMPLY. BUT HE IS STILL QUITE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT HE CALLS "THE FRANCOPHONE ROMANTICISM OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR." AN ACTIVITY OR STATEMENT THAT SENGHOR MIGHT CONSIDER CULTURALLY IMPECCABLE COULD BE TAKEN ADVERSELY BY OTTAWA WITH A RESULTING

NEGATIVE IMPACT ON FUTURE CANADIAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
WHICH IS CURRENTLY FAR FROM NEGLIGIBLE. ASSELIN SAID
HE TRIED TO IMPRESS MORIN WITH THE RISKS INVOLVED IN
BRINGING SENEGAL INTO THIS INTRA-CANADIAN CONFLICT.
HE HOPES THE MESSAGE GETS THROUGH TO LEVESQUE.

4. COMMENT: THE STAKES IN THIS GAME ARE FAR HIGHER
FOR SENEGAL AND OTHER FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN LDCS THAN
THEY ARE FOR FRANCE. I WOULD HOPE THAT THIS COULD BE
POINTED OUT TO APPROPRIATE CONTACTS IN QUEBEC AND
PARIS BY USG OFFICIALS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS.
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